



## ***Catholic Community***

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**Our Mission Statement:** The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

## **April 3rd, 2016 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**Readings (Missal p 152 et seqq.): Acts 5:12-16 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 • Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 • Jn 20:19-31**

### **Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Zachary Chitwood • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Wunder Family •

Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

### **Mary Magdalene turns around and experiences Easter**

For the people who lost their loved ones in the attacks in Brussels, the loss of their loved ones must be similar to what the friends of Jesus must have felt when he was killed on a cross by foreign soldiers. Mary Magdalene was one of those who suffered from the loss of Jesus. I would like to invite you to accompany Mary in her loneliness.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb – alone. She should not be alone – not in this moment of pain, grief and mourning. But she is left alone, abandoned. Try to imagine Mary's feelings as she recalls past events and hopes that are now gone, buried in this tomb in front of her. Or maybe her head is simply empty. Until the moment when she sees that the stone of the tomb has been taken away – the tomb where she and friends buried the body of Jesus days ago. The stone that marks the border between the dead and the living, marks the end of life, puts a heavy burden on so many hearts, has been taken away. Mary remains outside of the tomb and looks into it. "Where have they put the body of Jesus?" She looks and turns around. She sees the gardener and recognizes Jesus. I would like to focus upon the fact that Mary Magdalene "turns around". She actively **does** something. Easter is when **I** turn around. If I do not turn around and I only see the tomb and death, then the risen Lord – life - can never meet me. Mary Magdalene turns around and faces life. Death has no more power over her heart and thoughts. She is free. This is Easter – let us, too, turn our eyes away from the stone, from the empty tomb, turn around so that we meet the living Jesus and meet new life. There is no use in scrutinizing the stone – the stone will never tell us about life. But if I turn around, then there is no stone, then there is Jesus waiting for me with his new life.

We started out wanting to accompany Mary Magdalene, but in fact it is Mary Magdalene who took us with her. She brought us to the garden with the tomb and the gardener. She showed us that, in turning around, we can meet life in Jesus who has overcome death and has made our fears, guilt and resignation disappear. In him we meet a new creation. Mary Magdalene brought this message to the disciples – the male disciples who did not know or understand much – certainly less than Mary Magdalene. She brought this message of *life made new* to the disciples and to us.

I hope and pray that the people in Brussels who lost their loved ones dare to turn around to see the new life that is coming, the new life that consoles and comforts them. This feast of Easter tells us and all those in mourning that what happened to Jesus will happen to us, too. We too will rise one day with him and experience new life, life we receive, transmit, and are thankful for. Easter not only recalls the resurrection of Jesus, but Easter it is also a faith event that takes place in our lives – today and at every moment of our lives. We are invited to receive this life-giving gift from God and to transmit it to our world as a message of hope. (John 20:1-9)

**Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group & Adult Scripture Study at 11:15 after Mass - TODAY!**



**WELCOME!** *Visiting for the first time?* Please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from at the end of Mass, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 27th: 182

Collection: Friends of All Saints: €490.23

### LIFT Event: Islam meets Catholicism

All Saints will be hosting the Iranian community for an evening of intercultural & interfaith dialogue on **Monday, April 4th from 6 pm to 8.30 pm**. There will be a panel discussion with Imam Dr. Mohammadi, our special guest, and several celebrants of All Saints /the English-Speaking Catholic Mission. We will share our Catholic traditions with our guests, followed by a Q&A and a tour of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Join us for this special event and please bring some food (vegetarian) to share with the group. RSVP to Vanessa at [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com) by April 4th.

### New - Catholic Adult Faith Formation Film Night after Friday Mass!

Starting **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm), All Saints will be screening Bishop Robert Barron's 10-part "**Catholicism**" series on a nearly weekly basis after Friday evening Mass\*.

This series is aimed at adults. The films take viewers "around the world and deep into the Faith". Art, architecture, church history, scripture, tradition and spirituality all feature in this vivid presentation of our faith and heritage. The 1-hour films will be followed by fellowship and snacks. Participation is free, but snacks are a welcome donation. Please see posters and flyers for all dates.

(\* Friday Mass on April 15<sup>th</sup> may not be held but our series will begin at 7:00 p.m.)

### Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

#### Mark your calendars:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Special Altar Server training for selected Confirmation Candidates in the church from 18:00 – 20:00. Contact Edward Lowe for details.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- April 15<sup>th</sup> the first of our "Catholicism" films starting at 19:00 h. More details on the left.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - **Confirmation Class** – Retreat Day
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – **LIFT – Africa Rising** - in the Fellowship Hall from 18:00 – 20:00 h. More details coming soon.
- May 1st - **First Holy Communion: All Saints**  
**Important: Mass begins at 9:45 a.m.**
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details of a 12 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you are interested, please contact Konrad ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)) who can send you details. Limited to 20 participants, so act quickly if you are interested.

We would like to thank those special members of our community for their hard work that made Easter Sunday such a wonderful day. Special kudos to go to:

- Marianne Sihotang and Lupita Wilhelm for the special Hospitality
- Vanessa Hansen for the Easter Egg Hunt
- The Gebhardt-Lowe family for the Easter flowers and our new thurible.

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. **However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support, so we are completely dependent upon your donations.** Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **WHITE ENVELOPES** stamped "**ALL SAINTS FUND**" and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** • \*Friends of All Saints e.V.\*, IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODED1PAX

### April 10th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Evans Family • Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

#### Directions to All Saints:

**Subway:** U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

**Bus:** Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); bus 110 or 623: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or bus 115 stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk).

**Car:** A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)